(c) No such assistance is being provided by the Union Government.

Security Personnel killed during Clinton Visit

3997. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while Pakistan intensified militancy in J&K across the LoC and borders on the eve of US President's visit, it continued with the same vigour and force, showing no response to President Clinton's appeal to create conditions for a dialogue with India; and

(b) if so, the number and details of incidents of Pak's response to militancy in J&K during March and April, 2000 indicating the number of persons killed/ wounded indicating the number of casualties suffered by Indian Security personnel, militants and others ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) There is no significant change in the pattern of militancy and cross border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir in the recent months.

(b)

	March 2000 (full month)	April 2000 (Upto 15-4-2000)
(i) Number of terrorist incidents	241	94
(ii) Civilians killed	72	19
(iii) Civilians injured	85	26
(iv) Security personnel killed	26	8
(v) Militants killed	108	42

Dalits Burnt Alive in Karnataka

3998. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had sent a Central team to Kambapalli (Karnataka) the site of the recent carnage in which 7 dalits were burnt alive;

(b) if so, what were their observations and suggestions;

(c) whether they suggested special court for time bound trial; and

(d) what was the Central and State Government's response thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (d) No Central team was deputed in connection with this incident.

Though 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India, the Central Government has been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to give more focussed attention to the improvement of administration of Criminal Justice System and take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of crime against the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other vulnerable sections of the society. Financial assistance is also provided to the State Governments for improving their policing infrastructure.

ULFA's Links with Pak's Dhaka Mission

3999. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the reported statement appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 8th April, 2000 that his Government has enough proof that the Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka has positive links with ULFA leadership in Assam for promoting fundamentalism and militancy among the local Muslim youths in the State;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to tackle the problem of insurgency and militancy in North-Eastern Region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) Evidence collected from the confessional statements of arrested ULFA leaders/ISI agents and other documents does indicate that Pak's Dhaka mission has links with ULFA. The Government has taken up this matter with the Government of Bangladesh. The Government of Bangladesh has assured that it will not allow negative elements to use its terriotry for activities prejudicial to the interest of India.

(c) Steps taken by the Government to combat militancy in the North East include, *inter alia*, deployment of Central Para Military Forces and Army,